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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bruno PROVOT, et al.

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FOR: NEUTRON ABSORBENT MATERIAL CONTAINING BORON CARBIDE AND  
HAFNIUM, AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING THIS MATERIAL

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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Responsive to the notification dated **18 OCTOBER 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the filing of Rule 63 Declaration as well as a copy of the Declaration.

The required surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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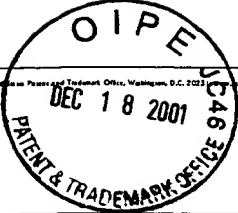
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ☐ \_\_\_ pps. Specification & \_\_\_ Claims (English Translation)
- ☒ Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney (3 pages)
- ☒ Submission of Declaration under 37 CFR 1.495
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